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VIKTOR BROST et al) HEADER-LESS VEHICLE RADIATOR
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Patent document 1 551 448 tubes 2 in a heat exchanger having their ends 12 flattened so as to be receivable in a header-like structure 13.

Patent document 195 43 986 discloses a structure wherein tubes 14 have fins 11 extending between adjacent flat parts. The ends of the tubes 19 are expanded to be in abutment with one another in a header structure. It is regretted that the enclosed copy is missing certain of the description and drawings because the person copying the same, prior to forwarding it to undersigned counsel, neglected to realize that the same was a two-sided document, and only copied one side of each page.

Gebrauchsmuster 1 519 204 also shows tubes whose end 2 are brought into abutment with one another and between the ends, spaces are provided for the receipt of fins.

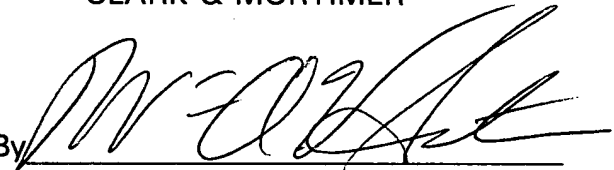
Applicants are attempting to obtain a complete copy of the '986 citation, as well as a better copy of the '204 citation and will provide them to the PTO when they are received.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider each of the references identified in view of the pending claims in the referenced application, although it is believed that all claims as originally filed delineate over the identified references.

An action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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